

REMARKS

This is to acknowledge the allowance of Claims 5-7 and 12, as referred to in the above-identified Office Action. In this regard, rejected Claims 1-3 and 11 have been cancelled, whereas independent Claim 8 and its dependent Claims 9, 10, and 13, have been retained. By this response, independent Claim 8 has been amended to overcome the rejection based on matters of form as referred to on page 6 of the Office Action. However, no new issues have been raised by the amendment to Claim 8 wherein the changes thereto are directed merely to its form. For example, the relational wording provided in the first and second feeding unit clauses of Claim 8 is taken from the last clause thereof; and, the last clause of Claim 8 has been amended merely to simplify its terms so as to overcome the rejection of that Claim based on 35 U.S.C. § 112. In any event, it is believed that independent Claim 8 together with its dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given below.

First, we note that the first and second feeding units as specified in Claim 8 are disclosed in the Specification as the resist roller 22 and the discharge roller 28, respectively. Further in this regard, Claim 8 now clearly describes that the speed of the first feeding unit is set at a predetermined speed feed, but that the second feeding unit is operated with different speed feeds depending on which one of the first and second kinds of documents are fed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited prior art references do not disclose such structure. Accordingly, amended Claim 8 together with its dependent Claims 9, 10 and 13, are believed to be allowable along with allowed Claims 5-7 and 12. For these reasons Applicant respectfully solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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